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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 359
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the Warriors of
Booker T. Washington High School on winning
the 2000-01 TSSAA Class AA State
Championship.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to the State of Tennessee and who serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Booker T. Washington High School Warriors are one such estimable team; during their outstanding 2000-01 basketball season, they earned the title of TSSAA Class AA State Champions; and

WHEREAS, The Warriors compiled a remarkable record of 34 wins against only 2 losses; they participated with distinction in the Little Rock Central "Raze Yo Game" Classic, the Covington Classic, and the Fayette-Ware Classic and admirably represented Tennessee in defeating top squads from Arkansas and Alabama; and

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WHEREAS, As the top-ranked team in Class AA throughout the season, Booker T. Washington faced the best effort that their opponents could muster in each game; repeatedly rising to meet each challenger, they were crowned Delta League Champions and MIAA Small Schools Division City Champions; and

WHEREAS, Following a remarkable regular season, the Warriors progressed through the postseason in businesslike fashion, winning District 16-AA, Region 8-AA, and Sectional Tournament championships to earn a berth in the TSSAA Class AA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, In Murfreesboro, Booker T. Washington's boys emerged as the top team in their division and claimed the title of 2000-01 TSSAA Class AA Champions; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the season, the Warriors succeeded through the application of stifling defensive pressure that held their opponents to an average of only 62.1 points per game and a paltry 39% field goal percentage; the Warriors' impressive defensive statistics included a remarkable 480 steals and 134 blocked shots, and they forced 754 turnovers; and

WHEREAS, The team's offensive firepower was equally impressive, as they averaged 80.7 points per game with a field goal percentage of 47% and a free throw percentage of 64%; a selfless group of young men, they collected 683 assists; and

WHEREAS, Connecting on 36% of their attempts from behind the arc, the Warriors established school records for three-point shots attempted (990) and made (361), and they also set a state tournament record by sinking thirty-four three point baskets during the tournament; and

WHEREAS, This laudable basketball team attained its magnificent success through much hard work, and tremendous teamwork; that success was made possible by the vast talents of the individuals who comprised the squad; and

WHEREAS, Taurean Moy led the team throughout the season and earned recognition as Class AA Mr. Basketball; during his Senior season, he established national records for three-point shots attempted and made in a single game and for three-point attempts in a season, and

he also set a state record for three-pointers made in a season, falling only one short of the national record; and

WHEREAS, During his career, he also set a national record for three-point attempts as a prep player; his 506 career 3-pointers fell just one short of the national record; and

WHEREAS, At the State Tournament, Taurean established tournament records with his eleven three-pointers in a single game and nineteen for the tournament, and he was selected as a member of the State Championship All-Tournament Team; he was joined on that prestigious squad by his teammates Tim Barr, Rasuul Buluu, and Andre Allen, who was selected as Most Valuable Player of the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The most impressive achievement by any of the Booker T. Washington players was the one that they all earned, the title of State Champions; the other young men who earned that title were: Seniors DeMarco Coleman, Douglas Gardner, Taurean Moy, Yusuf Sharif, and Darrell Wright; Juniors Tim Barr, Rasuul Buluu, Marchello Hurst, Addrienne Odom, and Jeremy Parham; Sophomores Markenis Benton and Julius Thedford; and Freshmen Andre Allen, James Hooper III, Jamon Miller, and Jamar Pittman; and

WHEREAS, These talented young men were ably guided by Coach Fred T. Horton, Jr., who surpassed the 400-victory plateau during the season, and Assistant Coaches Cecil D. Moore, Jr. and Marvin Oliver, who laid the groundwork for the Warriors' success by sharing their substantial knowledge and love of basketball with the team; and

WHEREAS, Principal Elsie Lewis Bailey, Assistant Principal Bettye Sims, and Athletic Director Norman Todd greatly contributed to the Warriors' success by providing their fullest support to the basketball program; and

WHEREAS, The basketball players at Booker T. Washington High School epitomize all that is worthy and commendable in the ideal student-athlete; they have achieved notable success on the basketball court while displaying the utmost character both inside and outside of the gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, The stalwart dedication, strong work ethic, and many talents of this group of young men have not only resulted in an outstanding season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Booker T. Washington Warriors for their success on the court and for serving as excellent examples of the tremendous quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Booker T. Washington Warriors on winning the 2000-01 TSSAA Class AA State Championship, join with their teachers, families, and friends in celebrating their remarkable success, and wish them the best in every future endeavor, both inside and outside of the gymnasium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.